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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9297

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: FY 1976 EE/23 AMSPEC PROGRAM ON THE REAL AMERICA

1. EMBASSY HIGHLY DISTURBED OVER DEPARTMENT'S SUMMARY DROPPING OF HELSINKI FROM WATTENBERG SCHEDULE. WE HAVE IN-DEPTH TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON "THE REAL AMERICA" SCHEDULED FOR 4:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 8TH FOLLOWED BY AMBASSADORIAL SUPPER AND FIRESIDE CHAT WITH 20 TOP FINNISH POLITICAL AND MEDIA LEADERS. CANCELLATION OF WATTENBERG VISIT WOULD THEREFORE BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO EMBASSY. RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT WATTENBERG FLY TO HELSINKI VIA MOSCOW. HE COULD DEPART MOSCOW ON AY 705 AT 17:45 HOURS AND ARRIVE HELSINKI 18:30 HOURS. DEPARTURE HELSINKI COULD BE ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, AY 821, 7:15 A.M. NOVEMBER 5TH. THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO KEEP OUR COMMITMENTS TO FINNISH TELEVISION AND GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS. ADVISE SOONEST.
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